Dollie Smith – Roseburg High School, 1905

Reflections

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This is the high school graduation portrait of Dollie Smith from 1905 at Roseburg High School in Douglas County, Oregon.

A copy of this same photograph is held in the collection of the Douglas County Museum, where she is identified by name. Another original print remains in the family collection.

After graduation, Dollie possibly began teaching in Ashland, Oregon, as suggested by a postcard sent from there in 1911, and later taught in Alaska. She married William Donaldson, but the couple had no children. Dollie died in 1928 at the age of 42.

What survives of her is only a fraction of the paper trail — a few postcards and letters that were never thrown out. I'm scanning them now, trying to carry them into the future the only way I know how. There will be a bit more of her story to be told.

Dolly